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Dear Resident,

As a neighboring property owner of the Community Commons site, you are invited to attend an open house meeting on **Monday, May 9th from 6-7 pm in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center**. The purpose of the meeting is to answer questions that you might have about the immediate future of the Community Commons site. As this is an open house format, you are welcome to arrive or leave anytime.

The City of New Richmond is currently working with the School District of New Richmond and the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for up to \$500,000 that would assist with the cost of demolishing the old middle school building, known as the Community Commons. The proposed project would meet a federal objective of eliminating "slum/blight" on a spot-basis due to the deteriorating condition of the building and the prohibitive costs associated with renovation. No final decisions have been made yet about the future of the site following the completion of the asbestos abatement and demolition of the building.

The regular May meeting of the City Council will be held after the conclusion of the open house meeting. During the City Council meeting, a public hearing will be held regarding the CDBG application. The City Council will consider a resolution authorizing the filing of the application, as well as other related resolutions that are required as part of the application. You are invited to stay for the City Council meeting and offer comments about the CDBG application.

If you are unable to attend this meeting but have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 715-246-4268 or via email at mdarrow@newrichmondwi.gov.

Best Regards,

Mike Darrow
City Administrator